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E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP IS US  
SUBJ: KNESSET ENACTS LAW PROHIBITING EXTRADITION

REF: 77 TEL AVIV 8949 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE KNESSET ON JANUARY 3 PASSED THE FOREIGN OFFENSES BILL WHICH PROHIBITS EXTRADITION OF ISRAELI CITIZENS. THE BILL, WHICH WENT THROUGH ITS SECOND AND THIRD READINGS ON JANUARY 3 AND NOW BECOMES LAW, AUTHORIZES ISRAELI COURTS TO TRY ISRAELIS ACCUSED OF COMMITTING CRIMES ABROAD. IN ITS FINAL VERSION A RETROACTIVE FEATURE, CONTAINED IN THE BILL THAT PASSED A FIRST READING LAST SUMMER, WAS DELETED AND A MOTION TO RESTORE IT WAS DEFEATED. THIS PROVISION WOULD HAVE PREVENTED EXTRADITION EVEN OF THOSE PERSONS WHO ACQUIRED ISRAELI NATIONALITY ONLY AFTER THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENSE. (IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THE OVERALL EFFECT OF THE LAW IS RETROACTIVE, I.E., WHETHER PENDING EXTRADITION CASES ARE COVERED.) ALSO VOTED DOWN WAS AN AMENDMENT TO MAKE EXTRADITION DISCRETIONARY WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

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2. THE EMBASSY WILL OBTAIN AND POUCH A COPY OF THE NEW LAW. THE DEPARTMENT IS REMINDED THAT THE GOI HAS PROPOSED AMENDING THE US-ISRAEL EXTRADITION TREATY TO BRING IT INTO CONFORMITY WITH THE BILL. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NOTE ON THE SUBJECT WAS TRANSMITTED WITH A-188 OF OCTOBER 24, 1977. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON RESPONSE TO MINISTRY'S NOTE. LEWIS

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